United States District Court Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

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Upcoming Case Management Conferences:
October 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
November 19, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
December 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. over Zoom
January 26, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The Court held a further case management conference in the above-captioned matter on September 19, 2025. This order memorializes and expands upon the deadlines set and findings made by the Court during that conference.

I. SUMMARY JUDGMENT BRIEFING

<u>Page Limits.</u> In briefing the oppositions to defendants' anticipated six summary judgment motions, the Court will permit the school district plaintiffs to file one additional brief (seven total) that addresses overlapping issues. The total number of pages allocated for that brief will be subtracted from the cumulative briefing limit (300 pages).

Separate Statement. The parties are relieved from the Court's requirement to file a supporting or responding separate statement. Instead, the parties must file briefs that hyperlink to the supporting evidence that the brief cites. That said, any brief with record cites **must be signed** by *lead counsel* who has reviewed the document(s) and can attest as follows: "I attest that the evidence cited herein fairly and accurately supports [or disputes] the facts as asserted."

Expert Reports. The parties shall provide the Court with a flash drive containing electronic copies of all expert reports at issue in the summary judgment and Rule 702 briefing. The reports

shall be provided to the Court by October 1, 2025.

II. TRIAL SEQUENCING

The Court heard argument on the sequence of the six school district bellwether trials. The Court anticipates selecting a jury in May and beginning trial in June. Those trials will occur as follows:

School District Bellwethers				
No.	Case Name	Member Case Number	Location	
1.	Breathitt County Board of Education v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.	4:23-cv-01804	McKinleyville	
2.	Tucson Unified School District v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.	4:24-cv-01382	Oakland	
3.	Charleston County School District v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.	4:23-cv-04659	Oakland	
4.	Irvington Public Schools v. Meta Platforms, Inc. et al.	4:23-cv-01467	Oakland	
5.	DeKalb County School District v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.	4:25-cv-02310	Atlanta	
6.	Board of Education of Harford County v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.	4:23-cv-03065	Oakland	

III. **SCHEDULING**

The parties stipulated to modify pretrial deadlines for the school district and personal injury cases. (Dkt. No. 2256.) The Court GRANTS that stipulation.

Accordingly, the pretrial schedule for the personal injury and school district cases is **MODIFIED** as follows:

PRETRIAL SCHEDULE

EXCHANGE PRELIMINARY WITNESS LISTS	September 24, 2025
DISPOSITIVE AND RULE 702 (<i>DAUBERT</i>) MOTIONS: OPENING BRIEFS	September 30, 2025
DEADLINE TO MEET AND CONFER REGARDING WHETHER ANY ADDITIONAL AND UNANTICIPATED DISCOVERY MAY BE NEEDED ON DISCLOSED WITNESSES AND TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR COMPLETING ANY AGREED-UPON ADDITIONAL DISCOVERY	October 6, 2025

October 8, 2025
October 13, 2025
October 20, 2025
November 7, 2025
December 5, 2025
December 8, 2025
January 26, 2026
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IV. **ADMINISTRATIVE**

The State AGs and defendants proposed two schedules related to its pre-filing conference requirement. (Dkt. No. 2271.) The Court GRANTS that proposal.

¹ Each side will have the opportunity to propose five additional questions each for inclusion in the juror questionnaire plus the Court will include ALL potential witnesses in alphabetical order.

² Parties shall deliver joint pretrial readiness binders containing all materials to be filed on or before this deadline by no later than 2:00 p.m. on the following day. Printed copies of documents filed on the docket must contain ECF headers.

The Court requests an update on member c	ase Sullivan v. Meta Platforms (No. 4:25-cv
05081) in the parties' next case management states	ment.

The Court **Grants** the following motions to seal: Dkt. Nos. 1952, 2021, 2069, 2081, 2082, and 2083.

This terminates Dkt. Nos. 1952, 2021, 2069, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2256, and 2271.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 23, 2025

YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE